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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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**ABSTRACT**

A method for providing a time stamp by using a tamper-proof time signal via a telecommunications network includes the steps of: receiving, at a central system, a request from a network user for a time signal. The time signal is encrypted by the central system with at least one key. The encrypted time signal is transmitted to the network user via the telecommunications network. The network user is provided with the same at least one key. At the central system and the network user, the at least one key is synchronously generated.